

MINUTES
OF THE
IOWA STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
APRIL 23 2013

HELD AT:
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
GLENWOOD RESOURE CENTER – VISITOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROM
GLENWOOD, IOWA

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Deputy Director

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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Preserves Advisory Board (SPAB) was called to order by Wayne Phipps, SPAB Chairperson on 1:00 p.m. He then welcomed guests and public present at the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Phipps, Chair
Thomas Putnam
Leesa McNeil
Kirk Larsen via conference call
Lynn Alex
Bruce Trautman
Inger Lamb – joined at 2:00 pm via conference call

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

DNR STAFF PRESENT

Aaron Brees
John Pearson
Karen Fynaardt

GUEST / PUBLIC PRESENT

- Will Thomson, Armadillo Arts Exhibit Design, Iowa City
- Ron Kohn, Mills County Board of Supervisors, Glenwood
- Jean Jaskierny, LHAIC, Glenwood
- Jerad Getter, Millls County Conservation Board, Glenwood
- Gary Newman, Sage Observer, Glenwood
- Glenn Pollock, Iowa Prairie Network, Omaha, NE
- Steve Simmons aia conference call, Lyon County Historical Society

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion – McNeil motioned to approve the agenda.

Seconded – Putnam

Decision – Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2013

Motion – McNeil motioned to approve the minutes as printed.

Seconded – Lamb

Decision – Approved by unanimous vote

APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Chairperson Phipps announced that he would abstain from discussion and voting on anything discussed on the Loess Hills Interpretive Center as he is involved as a board member for the Loess Hills Archaeological Interpretive Center board of directors.

Lynn Alex will also abstain because of her position on the state archaeological work research on the affiliations of the concept plan and refer to reports

3. LOESS HILLS ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

During a field trip that preceded the business meeting, the Board toured the Glenwood Archaeological State Preserve with representatives of the Loess Hills Archaeological Interpretive Center (LHAIC) and reviewed the Foothills Park site for construction of a proposed archaeological interpretive center. A decision regarding development of the site for the Center will be needed at the July meeting. Rob Simmon, LHAIC, powerpoint presentation outlining the rationale and two possible locations for the interpretive center, one on the northwest corner of the preserve (A), the other farther east near the center of the preserve (B).

Discussion – Lengthy discussion followed the presentation, including these questions and answers:

McNeil:

Q -Could this facility house an archaeological work station. A –Yes, it could house an archaeological staff person.

Q - What role for funding does the County Supervisors have for financial support? A - Loess Hill Alliance

Q -What is the fundraising strategy? A -Large corporations, friends groups

Q -Self sustaining, how so? A - Start endowment at the same time for the facility

Putnam:

Q - Project so broad-reaching, does Nebraska going to participate? A- not at this time, only corporate donors.

Trautman: Concern to have the cropping on the side not in the middle of the site.

Pearson: There are two proposed sites: what is the distance to Scheme B? A- 1/3 mile on low impact drive

Discussion with understanding that Board members will study the hand-out material in preparation and for the July meeting, when a decision will be made.

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5 minute break convene at 2:30 pm

4. GITCHIE MANITOU STATE PRESERVE

Update and follow up on two issues related to restoration of the shelter and increasing law enforcement presence:

1. DNR engineer Jeff Felts estimated cost of repairing the shelter as \$131,000; additional costs of \$10,000 for site clean-up and \$85,000 for redevelopment of an access road and interior parking lot (with granular surfaces) were also identified.
2. The Lyon County Historical Society contacted the Lyon County Sheriff and State Police about increased patrolling of the preserve.

Lyon County Historical Society has seen the estimated cost.

Coordination with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be needed for any removal or redevelopment plan.

Has LCHS contacted the casino for a match for funding? Yes, has opportunity for Lyon County Development grant.

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5. PROPOSAL SELECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Lynn Alex will excuse herself from voting on all the archaeological survey proposals.

Proposal	Inger	Kirk	Bruce	Wayne	Lynn	Leesa	Tom	Ave Rank	Cost
Earth View - Gitchie Manitou Mounds	1	1	1	2		1	1	1.167	1,489
Pope (OSA) - Archaeological survey of Spirit Knoll	1	1	1	1		2	1	1.167	6,831
Watson - Management at selected hill prairies and bedrock glades	1	1	2	2		1	2	1.500	2,995
Norris - Ten-year Analysis of vegetation changes	1	2	1	3		1	2	1.668	2,450
Watson - Control of selected exotic species at Pilot Knob	1	2	2	3		1	1	1.669	2,979
Schennum - Conservation Assessments on 6 preserves	2	2	3	1		1	1	1.670	5,120
Selby - Butterflies and moths and plant inventory at Spirit Knoll	3	1	3	2		1	3	2.167	9,000
Skrade - Avian Diversity and abundance at Mann Wilderness	2	1	3	3		3	1	2.167	3,000
Earth View - Template for geological interpretive materials	3	3	3	3		1	1	2.333	2,577
Olsen - Butterfly survey of Crossman, Hoffman, and Pilot Knob	2	3	3	2		3	1	2.333	1,940
Pope (OSA) - Evaluation of mounds at Gitchie Manitou	3	3	1	1		3	3	2.333	6,559
Pope (OSA) - Archaeological survey of Anderson Prairie	3	3	3	2		2	2	2.500	3,382
Pope (OSA) - Archaeological survey of Eureka Woods	3	3	3	2		2	2	2.500	3,427
Earth View - Geological inventory of Behrens Ponds	2	2	3	3		3	3	2.667	3,274
Norris - Bryophyte Inventories	2	3	3	3		3	2	2.667	1,905
Selby - Inventory of the butterflies at Rolling Thunder	3	2	3	2		3	3	2.667	4,000
Simpkins (ISU) - Spring discharge, tufa deposition	3	2	3	3		2	3	2.667	4,398
Selby - Butterflies and moths at Spirit Knoll	3	3	3	3		3	2	2.833	7,000

Applied Eco. Services - Coldwater Spring Floristic Inventory	3	3	3	3		3	3	3.000	9,960
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Watson	1	3	2	3		2	3	2.333	
Norris	2	1	1	1		1	1	1.167	
Schennum	3	2	3	2		3	2	2.501	

Motion – McNeil made a motion to approve the ranking

Seconded – Putnam

Discussion –

Decision –Carried unanimously

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- McNeil reviewed the code every odd number year the annual report is to go to the Governor, it did get sent to him in January. Yes, copies will be distributed to the board.

Tom Putnam attended Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board, asked why is their a SPAB member on that trails board? John Pearson explained the history of the trail through the Brushy Creek Preserve, a complex and controversial issue in the past but which has quieted down over ensuing years as problems were resolved. He will follow up with Parks Bureau at Brushy Creek to see if it would be possible to know in advance in advance if a preserve issue is going to be discussed so that Tom Putnam could attend only those meetings.

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NEXT MEETING:

July 23, Tuesday, Wallace 4W, Des Moines

Schedule:

October 22nd - Iowa City

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion was made by McNeil to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote.
Approved by Unanimous Vote. With no further business to come before the Iowa State Preserves Advisory Board, Chairperson Wayne Phipps adjourned the meeting on April 23, 2013, at 4:20 pm.*

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